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In re Application of: Rueppel *et al.* :
Serial No. 09/744,621 : Group Art Unit: 1615
Filing Date: February 15, 2001 : Examiner: Tran, Susan T.
For: Microparticles Produced From :
Cyclic Olefin Copolymers And :
Their Use For The Controlled :
Release Of Active Agents :

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Sir:

It is requested that the time for response to the Office Action mailed **September 5, 2003** be extended two months so that it expires on February 5, 2004.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$420.00. If a further extension is needed, such extension is requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any other amount which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

Respectfully submitted,

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